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Docket No. H 3033 PCT/US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

RE: PCT/EP98/04534  
International Filing Date: July 20, 1998  
Priority Date Claimed: July 28, 1997  
Applicant: Behler, et al.  
Title: LOW VISCOSITY DISPERSION FOR PAPER OR  
TEXTILE PROCESSING  
Applicants' Reference: H 3033 PCT/US

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the instant application as follows.

**In the Specification:**

At page 1, before line 1, insert --Background of the Invention--.

At page 1, line 11, delete "WO 96/08601", and insert --WO 96/05601--.

At page 2, line 11, insert --Brief Summary of the Invention--.

At page 2, line 21, insert --Detailed Description of the Invention--.

Enter a new page 18, submitted herewith, containing the Abstract of the  
Disclosure.

**In the Claims:**

Cancel claims 1-14, without prejudice.

Please enter the following new claims.

15. A composition for softening paper and textile substrates comprising:
- (a) a nonionic component selected from the group consisting of a monoester of